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For FY 2005☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$)**120.00****Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/774,249
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First Named Inventor	Frederick James Diggle III
Examiner Name	Lee D. Wilson
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims 20 **Extra Claims** 0 **Fee (\$)** 50 **Fee Paid (\$)** 0.00

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Indep. Claims 3 **Extra Claims** 0 **Fee (\$)** 200 **Fee Paid (\$)** 0.00

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Multiple Dependent Claims

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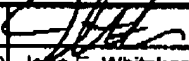
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Fees Paid (\$)**120.00****SUBMITTED BY**

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 : OF USING SAME
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2004.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks that follow. Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment and Response place the application in condition for allowance.

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